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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

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by mwattcpa@earthlink.net (Marty Watt)
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- 31) [24435] Re: fast cw
by "Bill Todd" <bill@willapabay.org>
- 32) [24436] Snowed Out for SS
by Bill & Merleigh Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
- 33) [24437] CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
- 34) [24438] Re: fast cw
by "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
- 35) [24439] Re: fast cw
by "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
- 36) [24440] Free MFJ 259 type cases spoken for
by K6MW <k6mw@jps.net>
- 37) [24441] Re: fast cw
by Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
- 38) [24442] Re: fast cw
by Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>
- 39) [24443] Swapp RX Noise Bridge
by "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
- 40) [24444] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>
- 41) [24445] 40m Novicw Band QRS SS
by Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>
- 42) [24446] Toroid Material ??s
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>
- 43) [24447] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED

by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com

44) [24448] Austin, TX QRP Club Meeting 11/14
by Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>

45) [24449] Contests
by w2xn@juno.com (Fred J Kalt)

46) [24450] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED//There is another Issue here!!
by BOBOBOB1@aol.com

47) [24451] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
by "W. Kimura" <w.kimura@valley.net>

48) [24452] Re: fast cw
by "Rud Merriam" <rmerriam@csi.com>

49) [24453] Hate mail
by "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>

50) [24454] HX-240 questions
by "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>

51) [24455] Re: Hate mail
by w7ls@blarg.net

52) [24456] Thanks
by William-McShan@ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan)

53) [24457] OHR500 Build Report
by "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>

54) [24458] Re: fast cw
by we6w@juno.com (Ed Loranger)

55) [24459] Re: Hate mail
by "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>

56) [24460] Re: Hate mail
by olyellr@iglou.com

57) [24461] Re: Hate mail
by applitech@mcg.net (Claton Cadmus)

58) [24462] QRP SSB vs CW was Hate mail
by Steve Pitts <stv@cnw.com>

59) [24463] Re: Hate mail
by "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>

60) [24464] The current contest discussion, combined.
by applitech@mcg.net (Claton Cadmus)

61) [24465] Re: Hate mail
by mwattcpa@earthlink.net (Marty Watt)

62) [24466] SS and speed
by "Beaks" <beaks@westco.net>

63) [24467] Manual and schematic wanted
by Pat Byers <pbyers@rttinc.com>

64) [24468] Re: Hate mail
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>

65) [24469] Re: Hate mail
by Rod Cerkoney <rlc@frie.com>

66) [24470] RE: Hate mail
by Rich Mulvey <mulveyr@mulveyr.roc.servtech.com>

67) [24471] Re: Hate mail

by "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
68) [24472] Re: Hate mail
by "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
69) [24473] Re: Hate mail
by Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>
70) [24474] hate mail, qrp modes
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
71) [24475] Thank you
by "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
72) [24476] NOV SS Program
by Wayne Alexander <walexan@ipa.net>
73) [24477] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED//There is another Issue here!!
by Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
74) [24478] NOV SS PROGRAM
by Wayne Alexander <walexan@ipa.net>
75) [24479] re: hate
by Kathi Hilton <kathi2@earthlink.net>
76) [24480] Re: Hate mail
by Ed Tanton <n4xy@att.net>

Date: Sat, 07 Nov 1998 18:48:36 -0500
From: Joseph Mikuckis <k3chp@erols.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24405] Contests vs. Awards
Message-ID: <3644DC54.34F4@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Several recent postings pointed out the advantage in sending a "standard" signal report, 5NN (five/nothing/nothing), during contests in order to conserve time. The ARRL Sweepstakes does away with the signal report entirely. All well and good. However, what has not been considered are the poor souls working towards their WAS. The application for this award (and most all others) requires QSL cards with some minimum information, and the signal report is one of them. Also, an operator is less likely to respond with a card if the signal report is not in his log.

73/72 de Joe, K3CHP, k3chp@erols.com

Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 17:19:44 -0500
From: hamjoel@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24406] Got the right ant wep add's Thanks
Message-ID: <19981107.193934.-145487.3.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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High Gang

Will I got the right addresses.. thanks... things kinda confusing heah...
lightning and all that electrical spike stuffs playing havoc with the
computers.. may the old one rest in piece

joel in maine going ant wep page hunting... thanks

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Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 20:16:42 -0500
From: Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>
To: QRP L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24407] Re: Contests vs. Awards
Message-ID: <3646427A.DFAB1763@qsl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> However, what has not been
> considered are the poor souls working towards their WAS. The
> application for this award (and most all others) requires QSL cards with
> some minimum information, and the signal report is one of them.

I've gotten back and used cards with part of a SS report for WAS with no
problem.

> Also,
> an operator is less likely to respond with a card if the signal report
> is not in his log.

That may be true but if they don't return a card, I will not give them
any more points. I will also spend extra time trying to give out points

to those who I've QSLed with good results. Rest assured that the
contesters that stay at the top from year to year are good QSLers. A rep
as a bad QSLer will cost a contester more points than they can afford to
do without. They need us as much as we need them and they know it!

72 es CUL Richard KT4OR/QRP

QRP-L #1750 FISTS # 2691 10-X # 68271
DXCC, WAC, WAS, 1000 Miles Per Watt: 7 MHz CW #1595

kt4or@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/kt4or/>

DX IS! QRP is T00!!

Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 18:38:33 -0700
From: jaywa5whn@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24408] Hamfest in Socorro, NM {DM64nb}, Nov. 7 {Attendance ~ 300+}
Message-ID: <19981107.183844.8958.0.jaywa5whn@juno.com>

We had heard that N1FN was going to sneak across the border, mumbling
something about obtaining a green chili fix. It was nice to finally have
an eyeball QSO with Marshall - N1FN. Rumor has it that Marshall will be
attending the 1999 Ft. Tuthill hamfest.

I knew NA5N was already at the hamfest. I had seen his SUV. The front
plate on Paul's SUV is a Nevada license which reads "Area 51".

N7XJW & KI7MN {plus their young'ens} had driven over from Phoenix. I
think Bertie & Bob had spent Friday night @ the hamfest location in their
RV.

The seminar prizes were a straight key from MFJ & N1IRZ's book. Canned
hams had gone to those lucky few, during the hourly drawings.

NA5N, KK6MC, N1IRZ & W5PDY's sessions were well attended.

Even though Paul Harden's seminar was about the Sun and he had predicted
the immediate {around 10 PM MST tonight, during SS} impact of a CME, he
had repeatedly tossed out phrases containing "QRP". Paul's presentations
are always entertaining. After Paul it was the Dr. Jim- KK6MC show. He
did come down from the mountain. ;-) Jim had told us what types of
antennas not to build. Jim had also enlightened us about why a 22 feet
high vertical is better {efficiency} than most commercial multi-band
verticals. Jim's Mother was in attendance, all the way from SD.

WR7J {Radio Paul, radiopaul@juno.com} was swamped with business. He will be at next year's Ft. Tuthill hamfest {QRP Campground is hosted by N7XJW & KI7MN, plus several AZ scQRPions} in July.

The weather had cooperated. Admission was free. Most all of the attendees had smiles on their faces. WB5LYJ & I had fun.

72...Jay, WA5WHN DM65qd

Albuquerque, NM USA

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Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 21:20:18 -0600 (CST)
From: ac5ez@webtv.net (Larry B)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24409] fast cw
Message-ID: <1899-36450DF2-1221@mailtod-122.bryant.webtv.net>
Content-Type: Text/Plain; Charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7Bit
MIME-Version: 1.0 (WebTV)
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7Bit

Well, another arrl ss cw contest. The bands are full of cw signals running 25, 30, 35 and plus wpm. I marvel at the skill, art and talent it takes to do that , not having that knack myself. I listen awhile at the blazing speeding exchanges then move up to 15m and find kc8ioo poking along at under 15wpm calling cq. I answer and we chat around 15 wpm for a half hour or so . He dosent even know a contest is going on. We sign off and I drift across the band again , listening to the race horses of the air, ripping along at 25 plus. There was a day ,long ago that I had hopes of speed such as that but alas, after years of work , it just didnt happen.I guess Clint Eastwood was right "a man has to knw his limitations" I shut the rig off for now but I will be back on 15 tomorrow or the next day plodding along at 15 to 17wpm and who knows I may even turn it up to 20 for a few minutes :-) but only for a while.
K1zw

Date: 7 Nov 1998 20:49:48 MDT
From: Lamborn@onlinecol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24410] Ten Turn Pot
Message-ID: <199811080352.WAA96078@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>

Thanks Jerry for going to all that trouble for us.

Steve KI0KY Hotchkiss, CO QRP-L 1303

Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 23:16:40 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24411] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <199811080406.6991400@is1.tm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, just because they're a little fast - I'm nowhere that fast either,
but I'm muddling through.

And where are the QRPers??? I've only worked 1 'Q'

72/73 de WB8RCR
didileydadidah

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 04:27:09 +0000
From: Peter Larsen <larsenp@cadvision.com>
To: kt4or@qsl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24412] Re: Contests vs. Awards
Message-ID: <36451D9D.6F4B1BE3@cadvision.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Rest assured that the testers that stay at the top from year
> to year are good QSLers.

> DX IS! QRP is TOO!!

This is quite true, But how many times can you confirm K3LR??
I have quit returning cards too this station as I don't think
they need another VE6NA0 card to add to the 50+ I have already
sent them.

They QSL first so I think it is a 100% QSL after the test. They
also ask for a QSO in the next test. If I hear them they will
get the QSO.

73 es have fun
Peter
VE6YC (ex VE6NA0)

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 23:35:28 -0500
From: Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>
To: jjmcd@tm.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24413] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <36467110.471BB6A4@qsl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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> And where are the QRPers??? I've only worked 1 'Q'

Same here.

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Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 23:40:19 EST
From: Elekktron1@aol.com
To: jjmcd@tm.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [24414] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <4da0555c.364520b3@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm running 'Q' ...you can work me if you can find me...de KK5WL

Date: Sat, 07 Nov 1998 22:08:34 -0800
From: K6MW <k6mw@jps.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24415] FREE Cases for MFJ 259 analyzers
Message-ID: <36453562.1B7B79A8@jps.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I was cleaning out some obsolete equipment at work the other day and discovered some brand new cloth cases used on outdated atmospheric testing equipment. Upon eye balling them, I noted that they would be a close fit for the MFJ 259 SWR analyzer at home. As a matter of fact, they fit very well and could reasonably pass for the \$\$ factory model.

There are 6 cases, 3 red and 3 black. If anybody is interested in a free case, please drop me an Email. You'll have to cover shipping and the envelope, but they will fit into a bubble envelope so they won't be expensive to mail. First come, first served until they are spoken for.

73, mike K6MW

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 06:18:24 +0000
From: Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@contesting.com>
To: kt4or@qsl.net
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24416] Re: fast cw

Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108061824.00b43870@192.0.0.1>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 11:35 PM 11/8/98 -0500, Richard wrote:
>> And where are the QRPers??? I've only worked 1 'Q'
>
>Same here.
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Just quit for the evening (morning) at 0600Z. Think I've worked about
a dozen other Q stations out of the 175 in the log.

In regards to the speeds, I have only gone above 34 wpm a few times to
"match the senders speed". Probably 80-90% has been well under 30 wpm.

73 Hank K8DD

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 04:39:17 -0500
From: "JEFFREY MICHAEL POULIN" <jpoulin@erols.com>
To: <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24417] 6 year old Ashley's fist
Message-ID: <199811080937.EAA15671@smtp3.erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi Gang: I couldn't work our 6 year old wonder, but I heard her answering a
CQ SS on 40 meters (7.107 MHz) last evening. A nice even cadence, easy to
copy, and certainly over 5 WPM. I am envious! This is a very impressive
young lady and I really hope to work her at some point. (Besides, sounds
like I need the practise more than she does.)

Mike, you must be busting buttons over Ashley's accomplishments.

Ashley, you should be very proud and I hope you enjoy the hobby for a long
time.

How many people can qualify for QCWA at age 31?

Jeff, KF4JSV QRP-L #743

Date: Sat, 7 Nov 1998 23:03:37 -0000
From: "Frank G3YCC" <g3ycc@g3ycc.prestel.co.uk>
To: "gqrp-1" <gqrp-1@blacksheep.org>, "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24418] FAQ's
Message-ID: <000301be0afe\$6e923880\$69edb094@t7w6w7>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Three FAQ's now up to date on my web site:

<http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/g3ycc/faq1.html> - which backpacking
antenna?
<http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/g3ycc/faq2.html> - which band?
<http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/g3ycc/faq3.html> - which kit?

I hope they are of use to you and additions to them are of course welcome.
Best wishes.

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Frank G3YCC
GQRP Club 042
(g3ycc@g3ycc.prestel.co.uk)
QRP Web Site: <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/g3ycc/index.html>

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 06:50:33 -0600
From: William-McShan@ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24419] Number abbreviations
Message-ID: <v01540b01b26b434baea4@[207.193.34.192]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang,

I've run across several OPs on SS that are using the letter abbreviations
for numbers. We all know that N=9, but for the life of me I can't find a
list of the others. I've seen a table once somewhere. Can anyone help?

Thanks and 72,

Mike N5JKY
Edmond, OK

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 08:33:27 -0500
From: Scott Howell <whowell@hq.nasa.gov>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24420] question on teaching young folks
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108083327.007d4100@mail.hq.nasa.gov>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

someone had posted a web site that had a book or something that could be used for teaching theory to a young person. Like a child.
Could someone give that info to me again?

tia es 73 de Scott/n3byy

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 08:34:36 -0500
From: Scott Howell <whowell@hq.nasa.gov>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24421] ss contest
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108083436.007e4940@mail.hq.nasa.gov>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

ok, shame on me. I forgot the section list and couldn't find it on the ARRL site so decided to just forget the contest. I don't know what section I'm in, but what a real blast all that code to listen too.

73 de Scott/n3byy

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 10:11:16 -0600
From: Mark Gilger <mgilger@concentric.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24422] HELP - TRANSISTOR CROSS REFERENCE SITE
Message-ID: <199811081509.KAA25782@cliff.concentric.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Has anyone found a web site that provides a transistor cross reference guide that can be printed out? Have several older references from major transistor makers, but they are showing

their age. Was hoping one or more of the company's made a printable version.

Mark WBOIQK

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 08:28:34 -0700
From: Rod Cerkoney <rlwc@frii.com>
To: William-McShan@ouhsc.edu, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24423] Re: Number abbreviations
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108082834.0080ce90@mail.frii.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 06:50 AM 11/8/98 -0600, Mike McShan wrote:

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>for numbers. We all know that N=9, but for the life of me I can't find a
>list of the others. I've seen a table once somewhere. Can anyone help?

>From the 1996 ARRL Handbook, page 30.32:

Num	Morse	Ltr. Equiv.
1	di dah	A
2	di di dah	U
3	di di di dah	V
4	di di di di dah	4
5	di di di di di or di	5 or e
6	dah di di di dit	6
7	dah di di dit	B
8	dah di dit	D
9	dah dit	N
10	dah	T

NOTE: [paraphrased from note accompanying table] Not to be used
for legal callsign; and only between mutual agreement between
operators and where no confusion exists.

72/3, K0RWC, Rod Cerkoney, Fort Collins, CO QRP-L #1764.
da di dah

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 10:46:00 -0500
From: "W. Kimura" <w.kimura@valley.net>
To: w0mc@hotmail.com
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24424] 10K 10-Turn Pot Order
Message-ID: <199811081546.KAA06476@orford.valley.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Jerry, Tnx for the group buy oppurtunity.
My pot is going into a 30M NN1G rig.
72, Kim Kimura N1MVU

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 16:13:08 -0600
From: k5zty@juno.com
To: k6mgo@juno.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24425] Re: listing
Message-ID: <19981108.165844.7358.0.k5zty@juno.com>

It doesn't .
Bill, K5ZTY

On Sat, 7 Nov 1998 15:02:50 -0800 k6mgo@juno.com (william h ross) writes:

>
>Would like to know if anyone built the SLV in the original
>configuration, i.e. 51feet of twin lead. How does it work?
>72
>Bill

>
>-----
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>completely free e-mail from Juno at <http://www.juno.com/getjuno.html>
>or call Juno at (800) 654-JUNO [654-5866]

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or call Juno at (800) 654-JUNO [654-5866]

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 11:09:28 -0500
From: Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>
To: "Qrp1_Submit (E-mail)" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Cc: "Jim Stafford (E-mail)" <w4qo@amsat.org>, "Harvey Solomon (E-mail)" <Harvey_Solomon@Emory.Org>, "Leonard Young (E-mail)" <lcyoun@bellsouth.net>, "Ken Evans (E-mail)" <w4du@bellsouth.net>, "Mike Boatright (E-mail)" <ko4wx@mindspring.com>, "Phil Specht (E-mail)" <k4pqc@bellsouth.net>, Subject: [24426] SPECTRUM Analyzer Kit Project
Message-ID: <21E06269B00ED111BE9B00805F6D0FA34932FB@MAILSERVER1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

I went to the Lawrenceville HamFest (Metro Atlanta) yesterday and got a few items for the project. Got enough double sided PC board to build the sub-enclosures. I'm try that method but it's a first for me. I was planning to build small boxes from aluminum or sheetmetal. I also picked up enough used BNC male/female cable connectors to use so I'll try this rather than the RCA connectors I was going to use. So I'm already making construction decision changes. That's what fun about homebrew. You can work outside the BOX since I'll be making my own BOX ;-).

Now for some interesting news. I have mentioned in the past the SCIENCE WORKSHOP SA kit and how I was going to order it until the QST article came out. SCIENCE WORKSHOP has a great book for sale that covers their kit in detail. Check out their web page. When digging through the BONEYARD yesterday I found the SCIENCE WORKSHOP board set and parts with an enclosure that a ham had started sometime back and stopped. We all know how that is ! I made him a very low offer (one of those deals you CANNOT REFUSE!) and I now am the "proud" owner of the boards, parts, case, power supply to build the SCIENCE WORKSHOP version. So two SA projects in the works but first, building the the Hayward SA unit.

Our little group has selected the word "SPECTRUM" as a subject line keyword to enable all to filter this thread as desired but most of this discussion is off-line until we get something special to pass on to the list.

Sam Billingsley AE4GX Atlanta, GA

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 11:16:01 -0500 (EST)
From: <hsilver@pyx.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24427] Re: SPECTRUM Analyzer Kit Project
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.981108111427.23856B-100000@matrix.pyx.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> list.
>
> Sam Billingsley AE4GX Atlanta, GA

This sounds like an exceptional project and I wish you the very best success. I am most interested in how this comes along as I am definitely planning to eventually try my hand at it also.

Regards,

Harley Silver

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 16:28:16 GMT
From: mwattcpa@earthlink.net (Marty Watt)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24428] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <3645c594.79396297@mail.earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Sat, 7 Nov 1998 21:20:18 -0600 (CST), ac5ez@webtv.net (Larry B) wrote:

>Well, another arrl ss cw contest. The bands are full of cw signals
>running 25, 30, 35 and plus wpm. I marvel at the skill, art and talent
>it takes to do that , not having that knack myself.

Same experience here. Underperforming antenna with underperforming CW op equals no fun on CW Sweepstakes. Even at QRO power I couldn't get anyone to slow down. Several heard me, and gave up at my 17 WPM. I couldn't copy the exchanges, even after hearing them several times. Heard several in the novice bands, but nobody heard me.

I really can't understand the reluctance on the part of some contest ops to slow down. I suppose they'd rather CQ with no response for 2 minutes at =

35

WPM than make two or three 15 wpm QSOs in the same 2 minutes. I'd have thought they'd want the points.

Oh well, maybe next year.

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 11:25:33 -0500
From: Scott Howell <whowell@hq.nasa.gov>
To: kenwood@qth.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu, cw@qth.net
Subject: [24429] Kenwood rigs for sale
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108112533.007e6a10@mail.hq.nasa.gov>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I am posting the following for my friend Paul. Please contact him directly via the following means.

E-mail at w3hfa@oncon.com or phone (301) 593-7205.

Excellent condition, Kenwood ts430S includes;
fitted, padded, and locking attach case, mic, 17Ah jellcell battery and charger,
service and owners manuals. Only mod is MARS. Non-smoking environment.
\$600 +shipping.

Kenwood TS930sat includes inboard ant tuner, has vbt, if shift, narrow cw filter, and variable audio filter.

Also includes both service and owners manuals. \$730 + shipping

Please contact Paul directly if you have any questions or are interested.

tnx es 73 de Scott/n3byy

Laurel MD

Fists #5030

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 08:45:33 -0800 (PST)
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu (qrp)
Cc: qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca (qrp-canada)
Subject: [24430] FS: St. Louis vertical with MMA coil
Message-ID: <199811081645.IAA04847@fraser.sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

FS: one SLV with MMA 80mtr coil. Asking \$65 (USD).

cheers, Paul - ve7cqk - email: paule@sfu.ca

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 11:49:27 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
To: <mwattcpa@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24431] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <199811081651.7055700@is1.tm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> From: Marty Watt <mwattcpa@earthlink.net>

> Same experience here. Underperforming antenna with underperforming CW op
> equals no fun on CW Sweepstakes.

Well, I'm pretty much in the same boat - the code is way too fast, and my station is hardly a powerhouse, even by QRP standards, but I'm having fun, even if it is a bit of a struggle.

> Even at QRO power I couldn't get anyone to slow down. Several heard me,
> and gave up at my 17 WPM.

I just listened to a 2 slow way down to pull out a QRPer, so sometimes it happens. (I couldn't hear the other station at all). What amazes me is that when I hack up the exchange, so many of these ops manage to figure it out right away anyway!

> I really can't understand the reluctance on the part of some contest ops
to
> slow down.

It's kind of a pain for me to adjust my keyer, but I do. (it's built in to the rig and takes many button presses). Based on the amount of perfect code I'm hearing, I suspect most of the folks are using keyboards - perhaps it's a real pain for them.

72/73 de WB8RCR
didileydadidah

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 10:52:35 -0600
From: "Walter Dufrain" <walter@inlink.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24432] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <001a01be0b38\$30b82080\$7d6ac4ce@nexar>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Marty & All, Guess I am guilty of doing the same thing
of not slowing down the keyer speed, however, I will put
longer spaces between characters for the slower ops.

The digital keyers do not have the nice old friendly knob
to twist for keyer speed changes. When using the internal
keyer of the commercial radios, many times it is a 2 push-
button thing to adjust the speed for a qso/contact then back
to the push buttons for an increase in speed. Actually the
little tick keyers and others are guilty of the same programming
problems. Call me old fashioned, but the speed knobs are
still more user friendly to my operations.

Please keep pushing the code speed copying.....happy
contesting.

73 Walter Dufrain, AG5P Wright City, Missouri

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 08:53:38 -0800
From: "Frank Grigaliunas" <fgrig@iea.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24433] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <199811081653.IAA10074@comtch.iea.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Marty Watt <mwattcpa@earthlink.net> wrote:

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>slow down. I suppose they'd rather CQ with no response for 2 minutes at 35
>WPM than make two or three 15 wpm QSOs in the same 2 minutes. I'd have
>thought they'd want the points.

Ditto. I had a single SS contact early in the day with a guy in the adjoining sector, and then the hail of CQ's started to descend. Even in the 7090 to 7130 slow speed freq range, they were going so fast I had to listen about five times to get the call. Luckily, they did call about five times, sometimes ten times, without waiting for a reply. Usually, by the time I started to reply, somebody else was calling on the same freq.

I did get on the radio, though, and I had a couple nice QSO's with people who either didn't know about the SS or had done it years ago and weren't interested now. I didn't get any new states, but I got to operate the radio a bit.

--Frank, AB7YT

Frank and Karen Grigaliunas, W. 1816 Dean, Spokane, WA 99201
fgrig@iea.com --*-- (509) 326-7147 --*-- <http://www.iea.com/~fgrig/>
"The Internet doesn't annoy people. People annoy people"

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 10:03:19 -0700
From: Rod Cercone <rwc@frii.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: William-McShan@ouhsc.edu
Subject: [24434] Re: Number abbreviations
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108100319.00807360@mail.frii.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 08:28 AM 11/8/98 -0700, Rod Cercone wrote:

>At 06:50 AM 11/8/98 -0600, Mike McShan wrote:

>>Gang,

>>

>>I've run across several OPs on SS that are using the letter abbreviations
>>for numbers. We all know that N=9, but for the life of me I can't find a
>>list of the others. I've seen a table once somewhere. Can anyone help?

>

>>From the 1996 ARRL Handbook, page 30.32:

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Make that 1998.

The moral of this story is: Have your morning coffee B4 posting!

72/3, K0RWC, Rod Cerkoney, Fort Collins, CO QRP-L #1764.
da di dah

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 09:02:36 -0800
From: "Bill Todd" <bill@willapabay.org>
To: <mwattcpa@earthlink.net>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24435] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <000e01be0b39\$9706cfc0\$1f4ffbce@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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"Even at QRO power I couldn't get anyone to slow down. Several heard me, and gave up at my 17 WPM. I couldn't copy the exchanges, even after hearing them several times."

Hi Marty -

Although there are many operators who can, with skill, send and receive at 35 WPM or higher, there are many operators that you are hearing during the SS contest who are using computers programs such as "CT" to send code - and EVEN to assist them in copying code.

Also, some of the extremely loud stations you are hearing are running 1 KW (or more), and they simply cannot hear your 100 watt signal. Furthermore, because of the extent of QRM from other stations, many of these "Big Guns" have their receiving bandpass ("listening window") screwed down tight, and you have to transmit EXACTLY on frequency for them to even hear you.

Lastly, some operators are looking to work all ARRL Sections, and if they have already worked your section, they will simply ignore you (unless you are extremely persistent!). ha ha

Anyway, I hope this information helps you understand what you are up against.

CUL, Bill-N7MFB
<http://www.willapabay.org/~bill>

ICQ me @ 8926298

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 08:41:44 -0800
From: Bill & Merleigh Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24436] Snowed Out for SS
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108084144.007dec20@mail.psnw.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Murphy doesn't like SS. I had planned to work SS from the high Sierra from the comfort of my travel trailer. I arrived Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. By 10:30 I had a dipole 90 feet up in the giant Sequoia trees and a fresh pot of coffee perking on the stove in my travel trailer. I spent the rest of the day hiking the trails, taking pictures and enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

Saturday morning I awoke to a half-inch of snow. The National Weather Service said the storm scheduled to arrive Sunday had moved into the area a day early. Not willing to get snowed in, I broke camp and returned home. Oh well, there will be other contests.

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Bill Jones - KD7S - <><
Sanger, California
<http://www.psnw.com/~kd7s>
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Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 12:03:14 EST
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: mwattcpa@earthlink.net, owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24437] CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
Message-ID: <dd8315bf.3645ced2@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It does get a bit frustrating when you are operating first with the handicap of lower power then coupled with 20wpm or less cw skills. I don't fault the fast cw ops for their reluctance to slow down; that is their choice. But as many of you (and me) experience is frustration after a few hours. My concern is that many operators get turned away from the contests and never develop the

skills or really get the opportunity for higher speed operations. I see the contests as a way to help and encourage folks to continue to progress. A way to push them beyond their limits. It is like dangling the carrot. If it is just a bit out of reach the animal will strive to get it. If it is so far down the road it has no affect.

I am a bit new to this but there must be some contests that are for those who are *speed limited*. One that you can enjoy and still be tested. Maybe that is why I enjoy so much STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT. I am not trying to say the fast cw ops need to slow down but there needs to be more for the mid speed operator to keep the spirit of contesting alive. There may be several of these but I have found very few other than the FISTS contests. Contests should not be like going to the dentist. Maybe some of you folks that have been around a while might be able to share some insite or guidance on helping us *speed impaired* folks.

Alan KB7MBI

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 09:17:38 -0800
From: "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
To: <mwattcpa@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24438] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <004001be0b3b\$b34e9440\$03000004@f>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Experiencing the same thing in Woodcrest fellas. I really can't figure why they will pass up the points of a slower QSO. I did however think that if they are not doing it by hand and using a computer to send and receive, they would have to reprogram it for the slower speed. Maybe that is more hassle than they want to do. I am hanging around 7.108 - 7.110 if you want to chat a while at slow speed. HI HI
72 de Frank

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 12:27:16 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
To: <bill@willapabay.org>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24439] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <199811081729.7060600@is1.tm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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> From: Bill Todd <bill@willapabay.org>

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> Also, some of the extremely loud stations you are hearing are running 1 KW

> (or more), and they simply cannot hear your 100 watt signal.

Remember, there are only a few db's between 1000 and 5W. If they're loud, they have a good path to you.

> Furthermore, because of the extent of QRM from other stations, many of these

> "Big Guns" have their receiving bandpass ("listening window") screwed down

> tight, and you have to transmit EXACTLY on frequency for them to even hear

> you.

This is VERY true. If a station doesn't hear my second call, I've been exactly zero beating them. I think only 2 or 3 stations haven't come back to my 5W peanut whistle. Now, I am running with the attenuator on because of the QRM, so I'm only hearing the loud stations.

> Lastly, some operators are looking to work all ARRL Sections, and if they
> have already worked your section, they will simply ignore you (unless you
> are extremely persistent!). ha ha

I'm beginning to think that this is impossible - ALL the stations out there are in California or Florida!

72/73 de WB8RCR
didileydadidah

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 09:32:38 -0800

From: K6MW <k6mw@jps.net>

To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24440] Free MFJ 259 type cases spoken for

Message-ID: <3645D5B6.D2B4B592@jps.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The six cloth cases are spoken for. Sorry I didn't have enough for all the requests.

73,

mike K6MW

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 11:49:42 -0600
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: jjmcd@tm.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24441] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <3645D9B6.720ACBC8@swbell.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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John J. McDonough wrote:

> Remember, there are only a few db's between 1000 and 5W. If they're loud,
> they have a good path to you.

More like 4 s-units (23 db).

I agree with some of the others, I don't think it's the power differential as much as not being zero beat. If you are off 150 hz, especially with a qrp signal, you are going to be on the edge of his bandpass (250 hz filters).

The bigger the signal of the station you are calling, the more likely he has an outstanding antenna, which means he is hearing everyone loud. Qrm will cause him to tighten up his filters and turn out his attenuator. Both will gobble up weak off freq stations.

Another thing which can occur on 80 and 160 is the use of separate receiving antennas. I have had situations where I have called stations 30 db over s9 on 160 and they went back to cqing. And I was running 1 kw. Later I found out they didn't hear me because they were using a separate receiving antenna which effectively nulled me out.

Good contesting to all,

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 12:52:21 -0500
From: Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>
To: QRP L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24442] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <3645DA55.164B204D@qsl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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What band do you all want me on? I called on 15 with only 1 q over 30 minutes. I go slow as you need.

72 es CUL Richard KT4OR/QRP

QRP-L #1750 FISTS # 2691 10-X # 68271
DXCC, WAC, WAS, 1000 Miles Per Watt: 7 MHz CW #1595

kt4or@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/kt4or/>

DX IS! QRP is T00!!

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 11:08:59 -0800
From: "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
To: <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24443] Swapp RX Noise Bridge
Message-ID: <199811081800.LAA31029@srv.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I would like to swapp a Palomar RX Noise Bridge for a working 49'er built in a Altois box e mail direct to colcal@srv.net 72 Cal KF7ET

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 12:02:28 -0600
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>
To: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24444] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED

Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19981108120228.00699e48@mail.webwide.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Listened to an SS station on 40 this morning higher in the CW band running about 13-15 wpm making lots of contacts. Heard several others on 40 and 20 that were less than 20 doing the same. Maybe there is a general slow-down when the pickings get slimmer 8^)...

I'd say most, maybe all, of the QRP contests run on the slower side. And most of the ops in V/UHF contests run at 15 to 18 wpm. These are good places to build your skills too as they aren't quite as demanding as the big-gun type contests (6 mtrs is getting there though). There are not as many CW ops in the V/UHF 'tests though so getting high scores CW-only is not as productive.

72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 13:16:01 -0500

From: Richard <kt4or@qsl.net>

To: QRP L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24445] 40m Novicw Band QRS SS

Message-ID: <3645DFE1.671D04F8@qsl.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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I'm there and I hear some others on either side of me calling cq ss under 15 wpm.

72 es CUL Richard KT4OR/QRP

QRP-L #1750 FISTS # 2691 10-X # 68271

DXCC, WAC, WAS, 1000 Miles Per Watt: 7 MHz CW #1595

kt4or@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/kt4or/>

DX IS! QRP is TOO!!

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 12:20:55 -0600

From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [24446] Toroid Material ??s

Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19981108122055.006986f0@mail.webwide.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

QRP-Lers,

I have some toroids saved from the past that I'd like to identify.

Is there a way, using simple equipment, that I can determine the material, i.e., powdered iron or ferrite or whatever? Because the toroids seem to work OK for what I want them for, maybe it's a moot point.

I've wound baluns (1:1 and 4:1) on them and found they have low SWR from 1.8 to 54 MHz. The baluns seem to be efficient too but I've yet to measure them. I'll be using the SWR techniques from Frank Witt's (AI1H) April 1995 QST article to measure efficiency. (I know the article was about tuner/coupler efficiency but he alludes to this sort of testing too.)

72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 13:28:04 EST
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: w5usj@webwide.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24447] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
Message-ID: <6e19646a.3645e2b4@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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Chuck (WFUSJ),

Your points are noted. I know that this may not be the right way to feel about it but spending 24 hours hoping for a few scraps thrown my way is not right but that is the impression I get. We have had several folks calling for us to participate in the contests but unless folks have an opportunity for some limited measure of success they won't.

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Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 12:56:05 -0600
From: Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>
To: QRP-1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24448] Austin, TX QRP Club Meeting 11/14
Message-ID: <3645E945.E732D864@flash.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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A QRP Club (Austin TX) will have its next irregular meeting Saturday,
11/14 at the Luby's, North Loop Blvd. at 11 AM.

Check the AQR P Web page for directions and details:

<http://www.flash.net/~k5hgb/aqrp.html>.

If you still have not subscribed to the new AQR P list and wish to
continue to get meeting notifications, please subscribe at:

<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/AQR P>

Hope to see you all there.

gr

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GLEN REID
K5FX/M BGF

Austin...in the beautiful hill country of TEXAS...

Austin QRP Club # Pi

Email: k5fx@flash.net

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 13:56:32 -0500
From: w2xn@juno.com (Fred J Kalt)
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24449] Contests
Message-ID: <19981108.135804.-898725.1.w2xn@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi all,

I have been reading the various notes about the speed of the CW ops in the contest. I guess you could say that is why I really like the QRP only contests -- everyone is more equal and is willing to adjust speed to the other station.

Fred W2XN (alias KE6ZX)

Lakeland, FL

W5YI-VE Skywarn #POL-007 Polk County ARES Net Manager AR QRP

#233 QRP-L #1728

My Web Page:

<http://www.geocities.com/ResearchTriangle/Thinktank/5344/>

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 13:57:59 EST

From: BOBOBOB1@aol.com

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Cc: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com

Subject: [24450] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED//There is another Issue here!!

Message-ID: <60c9b504.3645e9b7@aol.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The ENTIRE WORLD is telling us that CW is no longer viable method of communication!!

This contest and other fast CW contests with computers and loggers LIMIT the number of people that can participate and not become frustrated....therefore reinforcing the argument for reduced CW bands, and the elimination of code as a viable method of communication!!

There needs to be a change in the contest... away from such fast CW that reduces the numbers of participants!

For the future of CW and Ham Radio it needs to make more sense...

By the way I really admire a fast OP with a code key that really can send and receive that fast!! Anyone can use a computer!! But ask yourself this question...

"Use a computer to what end??"

Just my noises from the beach!!
Bob Gorman, WA1SCH
Clearwater Beach FL

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 14:06:36 -0500
From: "W. Kimura" <w.kimura@valley.net>
To: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24451] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED
Message-ID: <199811081906.0AA07893@orford.valley.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Alan & Chuck,
Maybe it's time for a straight or hand keyer contest. (Keyers set to 20wpm or less.) Wonder if the major sponsors the League and CQ would add a category for the "Great Silent 15 to 20wpm Majority"?
73, Kim Kimura N1MVU

At 01:28 PM 11/8/98 EST, you wrote:

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Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 13:19:48 -0600
From: "Rud Merriam" <rmerriam@csi.com>
To: <mwattcpa@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24452] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <007501be0b4c\$fff7c300\$5ee3aec7@sisyphus>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hear one of the big guns on the repeater the other morning talking about the contest. His advise for slow speed code senders is work on Sunday afternoon. The big guns have all worked one another by then and are looking for all the leftovers. They will slow down and do what is necessary to get in one more QSO.

Rud Merriam KD5DTV
rmerriam@csi.com

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 14:52:11 -0500
From: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24453] Hate mail
Message-ID: <000601be0b51\$46835060\$0b812581@gallifrey>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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-Caity
KU4QD

Caitlyn M. Martin cait.martin@ibm.net
<http://www.caitys-world.com>

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Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 15:07:58 -0500
From: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24454] HX-240 questions
Message-ID: <000901be0b53\$7b3255c0\$0b812581@gallifrey>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi,

As most of you probably know by now, I own a Tokyo HyPower HX-240 2 meter to HF transverter. Before I write to Japan, let's see if anyone here knows the answers to my questions:

Is it SSB/CW only, or can I use it on 10 meter FM?

I can receive on the 30 meter band by tuning up in the 147-148mhz range on my FT-290R in the 7 mhz position and the 12 meter band in the 21 mhz position. What is the acceptable limit to the input frequency? Can I hurt the unit by trying to transmit on the WARC bands?

That's it for now :)

Oh, and since the low power position is 4 watts out, this is on topic. :)

Thanks and 73,
Caity
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Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 13:15:17 -0800
From: w7ls@blarg.net
To: cait.martin@ibm.net
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24455] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <364609E5.627F@blarg.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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My grandmother's advice for situations like this is to "consider the source and let it drop".

There will always be people like them. If you leave this group because of them, you will sadly find their likes at the next group.

Hope to work you on qrp, next time you're on the trail.

73 de Jim, W7LS (bilingual; I speak CW and SSB)

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Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 14:17:21 -0600
From: William-McShan@ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [24456] Thanks
Message-ID: <v01540b01b26baca38402@[207.193.34.192]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang,

Thanks to all for help with the number abbreviations!

72,
Mike N5JKY
Edmond, OK

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 20:31:09 -0000
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24457] OHR500 Build Report
Message-ID: <000101be0b56\$b9a45440\$c342b3c7@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi Everyone:

I just finished building the OHR 500 that I started back on Oct 24. What a fun kit to build! The manual was great and the parts quality, superior. Everything was A1. The kit went together easily and as you can see by how long it took to finish, I didn't want the kit experience to end. I WAS having that much fun. I do not have sophisticated test gear other than my ears and eyes. The only test gear you will need is the aforementioned eyes and ears plus a DVM, QRP wattmeter and Freq counter with a range up to 25-30Mhz. I used a OHR DD1 in Direct mode. It worked great. The receiver has a low noise floor with the annoying background noise attenuated nicely. Its pleasant to listen to with what I consider nice fidelity. No squeaky-squawky ear penetrating noises or birdies heard. Which leads me to the AGC. All I can say here is that you need to experience it! It is as good as any commercial top of the line rig. The filter also pops the weak ones right in there for easy listening. I have several QRP rigs from the Sierra to the SW40 and the receiver in this rig takes a back seat to none of them!

Now, as for the transmitter, the power out was as specified or better. My power measurements were made with the OHR WM2 into a dummy load as follows:
15 meters = 3 Watts

20 meters = 4.5 Watts
30 meters = 4.5 Watts
40 meters = 6 Watts
80 meters = 7.2 Watts

The power out is variable, so you folks that like to operate at the QRPP levels will like it too!

Another item worth mentioning is that the rit control uses a center detent rather than an on/off switch or on those rigs without a switch, the by guess and by golly method. A really nice feature! I also installed the OHR keyer for this rig. Its a basic keyer with no memories, but a nice complement to the rig. While I was working on the rig, two foxes came on the air. Though, I had not yet completed the rig and not completed the alignment yet, I still nabbed two foxes with it. Since then, I have completed the alignment, dressed the wiring and installed the keyer. This morning, I put the covers on it for the first time and it looks very sharp if I say so myself. I never had the OHR 400, so I can't really tell you the differences in the two. I have not noticed any significant drift in the rig at all. Some folks told me the 400 did at one time drift but that that problem had been resolved. This is going to be my vacation rig and I am very pleased with the outcome of this build.

This was an easy kit for me to build and on a 1 to 10 degree of difficulty scale, its a 3. What makes it so easy is the manual, which is well written and the pictorials are superb. This keeps the frustration level low. Get a good optical visor, good hand tools, comfortable work station and plenty of rest and go for it. Don't rush it, its too much fun to build to get it over with in a day or two. I took photos of the build in various stages and will be happy to share them if I can figure out how to scan them with my NEW scanner, once I get them developed, I'll need to find a place to post them. Now the big dilemma, what to build next. The NorCal 20 isn't due out till the end of December, bumner. Oh well, I'll have to amuse myself operating the 500. If anyone wants to contact me direct with questions or comments, feel free. I'll do my best to answer all.

Usual disclaimer, no connection with OHR.

72/73 de Steve Sorrell, W8SFF

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 13:40:15 EST
From: we6w@juno.com (Ed Loranger)
To: sjolin@swbell.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24458] Re: fast cw
Message-ID: <19981108.103847.2111.2.we6w@juno.com>

Oh, Oh, Oh! Forgot somethign funny relating to
QR0 ops, high speed and QRP.

Last night at about 0900Z (Early AM here in CA),
I tried to find some late Novices to work. Heck
I was up working on the Speaker project and thought
I'd visit before hitting the sack.

40 Meter Novice band was dead. I dropped down
to 7035 and decided to work a QRO/QRQ guy who
was getting no Answers.

It took me 5 repeats but I worked him. He even
asked again if I was a 'Q'.

Just as I finished the last repeat, I looked up
at the wattmeter: "200 mW"!!!!

What ears. This guy was a 5 call. 200 milliwatts!
I had forgotten to re-peak the bandtuning after
dropping down from the Novice band. Such is
the case with my boatanchor/QRP.

Hee!

-Ed

72, Ed WE6W QRP-Z#106 <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>
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Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 12:53:38 -0800
From: "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
To: <cait.martin@ibm.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24459] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <00a301be0b59\$fc0f2b40\$03000004@f>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Cait,

Sorry there are those NARROW MINDED FOOLS that would send you hate mail
for something as your views on Mode.

I for one hope you don't leave, if you do please remember my E-mail

address.

I think what you can bring to the group as an engineer would far out weigh your preference to mode. And what business is it of anyone else what mode you prefer.

Enjoy the hobby and those on the list that would call you "friend". Some of them probably feel uneasy that you are a woman. I don't and will take your opinion with the same respect that I would anyone else that knows what they are talking about.

I operate a little CW and more SSB than that. I know there are old farts and young bucks that don't see eye to eye to that, but TOO BAD.

Don't let them win Cait. Stand your ground for SSB it is a acknowledged mode by the FCC and most of the GOOD OPERATORS too.

If CW was the only mode then there would only be CW radios.

Flame suit on and ya can all KMA if you don't like it.

72 de Frank

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 15:53:42 -0500
From: olyellr@iglou.com
To: cait.martin@ibm.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24460] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108155342.007cb740@pop.iglou.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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etc., etc.

>-Caity

>KU4QD

Hey Cait',

I'm sure the majority don't feel that way either. The ones that do need to go back and read the book....VERY slowly.

I don't care for SSB, but I sure respect your choice to use it or any other mode for that matter. In fact, what you're doing sounds like a lot of fun to me.

Hey, stick around, keep workin' those trails, and have fun. Life's too short to woory about some anal retentive know-it alls.

Best 73,
Mike L.

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de AF4LQ
FISTS #4139 QRP-L #1395
99% CW OP...for the pure JOY of it.
<http://members.iglou.com/olyellr/>

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 14:53:56 -0600
From: applitech@mcg.net (Claton Cadmus)
To: "QRP-l" <grp-l@lehigh.edu>, <cait.martin@ibm.net>
Subject: [24461] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <062501be0b5a\$0add73c0\$a10a5e2c@groucho>

Hi Caity,

Well I went back and looked and I see you wrote to the list this statement.

"QRP seems *easier* on CW is all."

This might have ruffled a few feathers here on the list, BUT I DON'T think it should have. There really is no excuse for anyone to tell anyone else to get off the reflector. And to those from this list that sent the mail to Caity, I think you owe her a BIG apology.

Caity, I would advise you to send copies of the offensive email to Chuck Adams adams@ticnet.com, he is the list owner and is the only one that can decide if someone needs to leave the list. I'm sure you will find him concerned and he would not look kindly on people badgering others for expressing their QRP opinions and experiences on this list.

I for one wish to see you stay with us. I enjoyed your SSB QRP post. And as the President of the Minnesota QRP Society I have had the opportunity to get to know a great cross section of QRP'ers. And I would have to agree

with you that most QRP'ers also operate voice as well as CW. I do, and a little digital too!

Hang in here, we need you.

73 de KA0GKC Claton Cadmus

cla@mcg.net

MNQRP #1

Minnesota QRP'ers we're looking for you!

Email me or visit this page <http://www.qsl.net/mnqrp>

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 12:56:34 -0800

From: Steve Pitts <stv@cnw.com>

To: cait.martin@ibm.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24462] QRP SSB vs CW was Hate mail

Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108125634.0081dda0@baker.cnw.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Caity,

If you let them, the obnoxious will rule the earth.

I, for one, will operate any mode on any band on any given day, QRP if I can, QRO if I have to. It is my opinion that folks that type less and operate, build or teach more should be listened to, the rest (those whose only purpose is to generate flame email) have been added to my increasingly long filter that deletes their drive1 on receipt.

Looking forward to being able to run into you on the bands, SSB or otherwise :)

73/72

Steve

Steve Pitts, KJ7NR, NNN0BSC

stv@cnw.com

WWW <http://www.cnw.com/~stv/>

FISTS 1530

G-QRP 8963

QRP-L 172

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 12:56:56 -0800

From: "KE6VHM Frank" <ke6vhm@earthlink.net>
To: <w7ls@blarg.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24463] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <00b101be0b5a\$6a8c62e0\$03000004@f>
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(bilingual; I speak CW and SSB)

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Jim I like this - can I use it in my byline?
72 de Frank

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 15:06:07 -0600
From: applitech@mcg.net (Claton Cadmus)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24464] The current contest discussion, combined.
Message-ID: <063401be0b5b\$b89ed8e0\$a10a5e2c@groucho>

I have been trying the contest a bit. My speed is about 6-7 wpm and I'm exclusively in the Novice bands. I would love to have a 10-15 wpm speed, I'd be having a lot more fun. Yes it can be frustrating. But if it were easy, would you really want to do it? I've had SS experience working the SSB weekend at a club station for the past few years so I do understand how it works a little bit, but the CW side is new to me. But I'm learning.

I think it would be good if you guys stopped complaining that the other guys are going to fast and won't let you play. Move up to the novice section and be the example of an op that WILL slow down and get the Q's! I've been running up and down the 40 meter novice section and can't find anybody I haven't worked yesterday working the contest today! I'm so slow I've got to listen to a guy have a couple Q's to get his info down. Then I'll hit the computer send key and get the Q. Now the computer logging program will only go down to 12 wpm, so I hope and pray the guy doesn't need a fill! ;-) But it's something to do and it's just a hobby.

From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com <ARDUJENSKI@aol.com>

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This is not quite accurate. First, you'll never win in a contest if you try to use the computer for reception, at least not yet. They're just not good enough at it. I know I've tried about a dozen CW reception programs over the years. The logging function takes about the same amount of time as writing it during a contest. The big plus with the computer is when it's all over and you need to produce a legible log. And as far as the sending goes, it's no more than any memory keyer with the additional ability to send the Q's call too. So the computer is really just another way of doing it and unless you can afford two computer controlled radios, doesn't really have much of an advantage.

Also, a high speed computer is not required. There is nothing in computer contesting software that requires any great speed. The top three contest programs, TR,CT,NA are all DOS programs and actually will not run under windows and send CW too. (At least I haven't figured out how to do it.) You can get 386 computers for free these days and they will work fine. The programs will also work fine running off of floppies. You don't even need a hard drive!

From: W. Kimura <w.kimura@valley.net>

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It happens once a year on New Years Eve! It's called Straight Key Night. I've never done it but plan to this year. Not sure if you can really call it a contest, but I'm told it's a lot of fun and humbling too!

73 de KA0GKC Claton Cadmus

cla@mcg.net

MNQRQ #1

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Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 21:11:05 GMT

From: mwattcpa@earthlink.net (Marty Watt)

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24465] Re: Hate mail

Message-ID: <36480573.95750622@mail.earthlink.net>

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Like I said earlier, QRP is ham radio at low power.

I know there are some people so die hard into CW that they deny the =
existence
of any other mode. I suspect they are less than 1% of this list. And,
frankly, they scare me. It is, as Catlin points out, almost religious =
with
these folks. I can think of a lot of places where our disgruntled =
bretheren
might vent rather than against SSB. How about directing that toward =
racism or
world hunger, or unemployment, or poverty.

I have a lot of respect for Caity and those like her. They choose not to=
do a
lot of CW work. I choose opposite -- I enjoy CW (when I can find someone=
to
work!). We're both amateurs, and both QRPers. SSB QRP is, imho, tougher=
than
QRP CW.

I don't expect the overall enthusiasm for CW on this list to change. CW =
is
integral with QRP, since CW equipment is easier to design and build, and =
most
(but not all) QRPers enjoy rolling their own. But hate mail against ANY =
other
amateur is uncalled for. If we want respect, we have to be prepared to
respect others first.

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72 es 73 de Marty, KM7W

Memphis, Tennessee <http://home.earthlink.net/~mwattcpa>
NorCal #2031 -- ARCI #7514 -- QRP-L #0953 -- AK/QRP #098 -- Grid EM55

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 16:30:03 -0500
From: "Beaks" <beaks@westco.net>
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24466] SS and speed
Message-ID: <007501be0b5e\$f34884c0\$ca4ff5cd@beaks>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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I can sum it up best by saying "Thank goodness for 30 meters" After reading all the posts asking for participation I thought I would make a stab at it this time, not being one for contests. Yes, I'm sure it would be fun to work all 50 states in a weekend, but after about a half hour I had enough and went on to 30 meters and had some enjoyable chats plus lots of DX. Sure there were lots of others that felt the same way because 30 was jumping with sigs.

Yes, I can sit there and listen 5-6 times to the exchange and get the others call and info before I call him since he's running 20+ wpm but then I start to ask myself WHY. With only X amount of time to operate on a weekend factored in with other commitments the high speed contests are nothing but QRM, yes they might be fun if they were scaled down abit and more friendly to us "average Joes" out there.

In closing, the last time I posted something concerning the speed in contests I got lots of replies telling me not to get discouraged, keep at it and my code speed would come up.....No thanks, I'd rather amble along at 15 or so and chat for abit....

Oh, the new call arrived on Friday....NQ8RP

Arch Fairmont, WV

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 14:23:59 -0700

From: Pat Byers <pbyers@rttinc.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24467] Manual and schematic wanted

Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108142359.0080d4b0@mail.rttinc.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi all,

I just purchased a used Simpson model 710 frequency counter. It works well and seems straightforward enough but I'd like to have a manual for it. There isn't much on the Simpson Electric Co. Web site so I left them an e-mail message. Hopefully, someone there will get back to me.

In the meantime if anyone on the list can help, please e-mail me direct.

Thanks es 72,

Pat Byers, VE6AAN

Lacombe, AB

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 15:46:11 -0600

From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@webwide.net>
To: cait.martin@ibm.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24468] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19981108154611.0068d0b0@mail.webwide.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Caity,

I'd say the narrow-minded attitude of the minority on this reflector is equivalent to arguing about religion and politics. Don't do it, it's a no-win situation.

There are many people on this reflector who are knowledgeable and highly respected. Those are the ones to pay attention to. And these are generous people who are sharing their knowledge with the rest of us. We can accept or discard the information according to our wishes and interests.

Personally, I like the challenge of trying all the modes of operation available to radio amateurs whenever I choose to. I prefer CW and use it almost exclusively on the HF bands. I also use SSB on VHF and UHF with CW taking second place on these bands (far fewer CW ops). It's interesting and enjoyable to dabble with satellite operations and tracking programs. Less than 5 W and a modest antenna system will get you many contacts all over the world through a variety of international amateur satellites. The digital modes, such as packet, are a good learning experience too. It's kind of a kick to exchange packet information all across the country using only a 5 W HT as your transceiver.

72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 15:00:04 -0700
From: Rod Cerkoney <rwc@frii.com>
To: cait.martin@ibm.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24469] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108150004.0080f100@mail.frii.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 02:52 PM 11/8/98 -0500, Caitlyn M. Martin wrote:

>Hi, everyone,

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>I had a discussion with some hams on this reflector about SSB QRP. Some of
>the people I've exchanged mail with have received what can only be described
>as hate mail as a result. So have I. It's all pretty familiar: SSB is not

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A newbie perspective:

Caitlyn stay, please.

QRP implies [to me] low power not modulation technique--and CW is a type of modulation--PULSE CODE MODULATION!

I got interested in QRP & QRP-L because it represented that old time camaraderie I enjoyed 30+ years ago. Ham helping Ham. When I returned to HAM radio 6 mos. ago, I was taken aback by the bickering & criticism, read rec.radio.amateur.misc sometime. For those who think the hobby is dieing: No wonder who wants to hang around a bunch of grumpy, nay, angry old men? But I kept at it because the magic and fascination of a few watts traveling 100's or 1000's of miles, to carry on a conversation with somebody, is just too powerful! My efforts were rewarded, I found QRP & QRP-L.

I don't have a true QRP rig yet but I will before too long. I'm shopping around for a kit now. I hope to work many, if not all, of you on CW, my preferred mode, someday. And I'll do it at any speed you ask for. (Up to 18 wpm for now :-) If your looking for a code buddy to practice with, give me a shout. I'll be glad to help if I can.

'nuff said now let's play radio and have some fun!

72/3, KORWC, Rod Cerkoney, Fort Collins, CO QRP-L #1764.
da di dah

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:04:12 -0500 (EST)
From: Rich Mulveyr <mulveyr@mulveyr.roc.servtech.com>
To: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24470] RE: Hate mail
Message-ID: <XFMail.981108170412.mulveyr@mulveyr.roc.servtech.com>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Hi Caitlyn:

All in all, I would have to suspect that the "CW uber alles" crowd is a minority, but, unfortunately, a very *vocal* one, in some cases. I've encountered the same thing with my QRP digital interests. "QRP Pactor? Come the revolution, how are you going to fix that thing? I can build a CW rig from a dirty sock and a old television." Never mind that its almost impossible to find an old television that you can use, and I built my QRP Pactor rig from computer components that can be found in every junkyard, basement, and house in the U.S. Soundcards and answering machines are a goldmine. :-)

As for comments that you should leave the list; Immediately after placing them in my killfile, I would notify the list admin, if they are truly abusive (and not merely exercises in ignorance and bad taste.) It makes for a *much* more pleasant mailing list.

Your comment that the list is out of touch is correct, but only in the same way that Amateur Radio at large, is stuck in the past. I won't get into *that* argument on this list, because it really isn't the right place, but I've made some comments about it in the past. Laura Halliday had some very interesting comments in that vein a few days ago.

Personally, even though 90% of the traffic that comes through the list is almost immediately deleted (since I don't care about contests, foxes, or the weather in Dayton), there is still sufficient signal to make a daily perusal of the gems that do show up, worth the time.

- Rich

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Rich Mulvey

My return address is my last name,

followed by my first initial, @mulveyr.roc.servtech.com

<http://mulveyr.roc.servtech.com>

Amateur Radio: aa2ys@wb2wxq.#wny.ny.usa

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 17:02:50 -0500

From: "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>

To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [24471] Re: Hate mail

Message-ID: <199811082203.RAA92118@pimout2-int.prodigy.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Hi Caity,

I sending to group as well in case someone may be interested as well.

Pls don't leave the QRP-List. I have a folder with messages from 14 hams on this list who'd be interested in a 20M QRP SSB net. My antenna for 20M is stinkeroo, but it's getting me on the Sweepstakes contest this weekend and Fall QSO Party a few weeks ago, too. I'll be better soon, and we'll give a net a go to see what's what.

I worked a special event last April with Tony WW2W, Ed WA2HQA (and a few guys from the local club hungout) as a kickoff to the Brooklyn QRP Club with the N2Y callsign (club call KK2X).

We worked CW and SSB. We made QSOs with following countries on 20M SSB: Azores, France, Germany, Isle of White UK (how do you spell it?), Italy, Netherlands, No. Ireland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine
and

Yugoslavia. We also had nice chats with following states on 40M SSB: MA, MD, MI, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA and VT. We made many QSOs on CW as well. This was from Brooklyn, Cannonball Park at the foot of the largest expansion bridges in the world.

My point is that I and many of my friends love CW, but also work SSB. The vast majority of my logbook is CW, maybe 80%, but SSB is fun, too. In fact, the NorCal Club had a kit for 20M and 75M SSB called the Cascade a few years ago. There is interest there.

Let me know what freq you hang out on and I'll see if we can work a sked.

CUL

72 Kevin N2TO
Brooklyn, NYC
kfglynn@prodigy.net

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 17:05:32 -0500
From: "Kevin F. Glynn" <kfglynn@prodigy.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [24472] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <199811082206.RAA102640@pimout2-int.prodigy.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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PS to previous message...

We hung out at the park a lot this past spring and summer, and a good friend of mine Benny KC2DCJ is a relatively new ham and Tech now. He's going to go for his Tech Plus and I hope General. He got the DX bug and is interested. This because we handed him the mic and work DX on 20M from the park. CW will be in his future.

72 Kevin N2TO
Brooklyn, NYC
kfglynn@prodigy.net

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 16:09:27 -0600
From: Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>
To: cait.martin@ibm.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24473] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <36461697.1AA3@vbe.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Caity,

Just amazing..... hate mail over whether "real" qrp is cw or ssb ? As a cop with 20 yrs on the job I'm no longer surprised at how certain members of society can screw up a good thing..... I hope there are enough hams out there that will reply and encourage you to hang in there. Things like this could just manage to kill this hobby given enough time. As for me, I don't care what mode or power level ya use..... just be kind, be patient, be a member of the human race and be safe.

How's that old saying go ?..... "Better to be thought a fool then to have opened your mouth and proven it."

I'll continue to lurk on this list.... and join the vast majority of hams who keep their opinions of others and their likes or dislikes to themselves. But who are always willing to speak-up if we have something constructive to say. And now back to my hole.....

73

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Michael Melland, KB9QHU

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<http://www.vbe.com/~badger>
<http://www.qsl.net/kb9qhu>

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:33:22
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24474] hate mail, qrp modes
Message-ID: <3.0.3.16.19981108173322.2cc71424@mailhost.ncia.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Geeze, You'd think grown men would know better, and it's not even a full moon!

Last I checked, this list is devoted to "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" It does not stipulate an operating mode.

Personally, I feel operating QRP SSB is more of a challenge then CW. Soon, there will be a bunch of us trying our luck with QRP 10M AM, which will be even more of a challenge.

IF IT'S LOW POWER, IT'S QRP!

enough said.

72,
Steve, KD1JV....In the White Mountains of New Hampshire

"Melt Solder"

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 1998 17:22:43 -0500
From: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24475] Thank you
Message-ID: <000301be0b66\$4e156fb0\$f95948a6@gallifrey>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi,

I would like to thank everyone for all the supportive notes I received both on and off list. Like I said, it is a very small minority who feel the need to send notes to criticize others that way. If I receive such notes in the future I will indeed send them to Chuck Adams. For the moment, I'd rather let the issue die. Either the folks who sent the notes have not written again, and I think the membership of the reflector has spoken clearly, and I, for one appreciate it.

Some suggested that I ignore this stuff. I've found, having dealt with all kind of isms over the years, that it is usually better to expose that sort of behavior. I didn't like the sexist stuff directed at Kathi (no, it wasn't me that time) and spoke up. In doing so this time, I got the reflector to send a loud, clear message, didn't I?

It was suggested that I might have ruffled feathers by suggesting that CW QRP "seems" easier than SSB. Notice the "seems". That implies I don't believe that it is. While it is true that it is easier to pick out a very weak CW signal than a very weak SSB signal, CW requires a special skill that I don't have a talent for. I respect those who do, and who enjoy that mode of operation.

In any case, I'm still here, and I do appreciate the response.

Thanks and 72,
Caity

Caitlyn M. Martin cait.martin@ibm.net
<http://www.caitys-world.com>

"Good grief, man! It's as simple as
Einstein's special theory of relativity!"
-Dr. Who, as portrayed by Jon Pertwee

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:02:45 -0600
From: Wayne Alexander <walexan@ipa.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24476] NOV SS Program
Message-ID: <199811082302.RAA20989@ns3.ipa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well that FREE program took a dump on me at 256 contacts. Did see the post

about it before the contest. That's what you get for free I guess. Was having fun until then. Good luck everyone that is not using that program.

73,

KB0PTE

Wayne

FISTS # 4907

QRP-L # 1058

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:12:40 -0600

From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>

To: BOBOBOB1@aol.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [24477] Re: CONTESTS FOR SPEED IMPAIRED//There is another Issue here!!

Message-ID: <36462568.1DC3781D@swbell.net>

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BOBOBOB1@aol.com wrote:

> There needs to be a change in the contest... away from such fast CW that
> reduces the numbers of participants!
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> For the future of CW and Ham Radio it needs to make more sense...
>
> By the way I really admire a fast OP with a code key that really can send and
> receive that fast!! Anyone can use a computer!! But ask yourself this
> question...
> "Use a computer to what end??"

Hi Bob, from your comments, its likely that you have never competed in a major cw contest.

No one that I know, uses computers to copy calls. All the multi-mode controllers fall apart when trying to copy real cw as opposed to W1AW. They may come in handy when some dx comes on the band at 45 wpm and you cant figure out who it is but it is too much of a bother to deal with during a contest.

Much, if not most, of the cw in the contests, however, is being generated by computer keyboard. This occurs not because the operator cant handle the speed by hand, but because the PRIMARY reason for the computer is to handle the logging. Once he types in the call of the station calling, all he has to do is hit F2 to send his report. Then type in the received report including state, zone or whatever is

required. then hit another key which will cfm the contact, and send qrz de ... and record the contact in the log. Many ops will also have an electronic keyer in line on which they can respond to ops at different speeds but not all do.

If you are at the other end attempting to copy the report correctly and get it recorded in the log for 24 or 36 hours at a stretch, you do not look forward to distractions. If you have to hit a function key ten times to get your speed reduced by 20 wpm (it drops by 2 wpm per touch), you have upset your cadence and used up valuable time. You also have to repeat the operation to return to 35 wpm. Some ops will do this, others wont. It depends on how many other stations are calling and how long they are going between contacts. If they have been working several stations per minute, they probably wont slow down because other stations who can handle the higher speed will tune on and they may have lost that contact.

I realize that not slowing down may be short sighted from the standpoint of developing future contest activity, but during the heat of the battle, that is not the contestors highest priority.

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:47:23 -0600
From: Wayne Alexander <walexan@ipa.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [24478] NOV SS PROGRAM
Message-ID: <199811082347.RAA23683@ns3.ipa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Did not see it,that's what I meant to say.

73,
KB0PTE
Wayne
FISTS # 4907
QRP-L # 1058

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 17:52:50 -0600
From: Kathi Hilton <kathi2@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [24479] re: hate
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19981108175138.007a5b50@mail.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Caitlyn,

I can sympathize with your dilemma. I posted an innocent comment concerning my purchase of an SGC 2020 and got some of the most horrible comments from some of the sour grapes that reside here, even my significant other got involved as he was shocked at the response. I had several hundred 'hate' emails. I see a lot of the 'good old boy' back slapping 'how good we are' emails. When you can accept women on this reflector as hams, then you can tout how great this reflector is.

Caitlyn, keep on with your qrp hobby, qrp ssb is as much qrp as cw is. As for me, with the exception of this email, I've stopped posting on QRP-L I can enjoy my qrp hobby without them. It's obvious to me there are chauvanists on this reflector that can't accept women as radio ops. I really feel sorry for them.

I hope to work you on the bands...

73

Kathi, N0FKA

Visit Kathi's Web Page:

[Http://home.earthlink.net/~kathi2/flower.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~kathi2/flower.html)

Date: Sun, 08 Nov 1998 18:58:17 -0500
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@att.net>
To: cait.martin@ibm.net
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [24480] Re: Hate mail
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19981108185817.00c1d330@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Caity... I assume the mail you are referring to was a lot nastier than just opinions-else it would just be dumb-mail, not hate-mail. Please do not allow the strong-but-misguided feelings of a few to cause you to leave QRP-L. I work less than 0.01% SSB... but cannot imagine why that should cause (or excuse) me to send nasty letters or email to anyone.

I CHOOSE to work mostly CW. You-or someone else-may CHOOSE to work mostly SSB. What does that choice have to do with ham radio or QRP-L? The people who do not belong on QRP-L (or much of anywhere else) are those who would berate someone simply for making a CHOICE differing from their own. Exactly

You are probably incorrect about the majority of QRP/QRP-L ops... I suspect they do work CW primarily-but not from some ultimate-supremacy-fantasy of CW-Valhalla... but rather because most people on QRP-L are "into" homebrew/inexpensive/simpler/etc. rigs that are commonly-though not exclusively-CW only.

Please stay around... we (QRP-L) would be much less without you, your comments, and your observations.

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"Think you can, think you can't: either way you're right!" Henry Ford
